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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:
 of:
 Claim: AQUAYS : Group Art Unit: 1755
 For: and Other Materials : Examiner: Marcantoni, Paul D.
 Treated Bauxite Tailings
 for Making Same
 Ser: 0,729
 File: 03

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amendment is filed in response to the examiner's final office action of July 8, 2005.

IN THE CLAIMS:

the attached Amendments To Specification (37 CFR 1.121b).

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claims 1-28 are hereby cancelled, without prejudice. New claims 29-44 are now in this application.

the attached Complete Listing Of All Claims Ever Presented (37 CFR 1.121c).

REMARKS

claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 USC 102(a, b, and e) as anticipated by, or in the prior art under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Jaques et al. '352 or Iwu '567. These rejections are respectfully traversed, and it is submitted that new claims 29-44, presented herein, are nonobvious over Jaques et al. and/or Iwu.

Applicant's new claims 29-44 provides for the use of sulfuric acid as the primary reagent. Applicant further provides for not removing the resulting sodium sulfate that is formed from